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1 AN ACT Relating to associations of local governments; adding a new
2 section to chapter 42.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 27.12
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section
4 to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW; adding
5 a new section to chapter 52.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
6 53.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 54.16 RCW; adding a new
7 section to chapter 57.08 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 87.76
8 RCW.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) A local government may not pay membership dues or provide
13 compensation to a private entity for local government association
14 purposes if the total amount of dues or compensation paid to the
15 private entity by local governments, including interest earned on
16 investment of such dues or compensation, constitutes two-thirds or more
17 of the gross revenues of the private entity, unless, as a condition of
18 receipt of the dues or compensation, the private entity agrees to the
19 following conditions:

1 (a) The private entity submits to a periodic audit by the state
2 auditor, as if the private entity were a local government;

3 (b) The records of the private entity are made available to the
4 public for inspection and copying under the provisions of this chapter,
5 as if the records were public records and the entity were a local
6 government;

7 (c) Meetings of the board of directors or any committee of the
8 board of directors are open to the public under the provisions of
9 chapter 42.30 RCW, as if the private entity were a public agency and
10 the board of directors were a governing body; and

11 (d) The funds of the private entity and its facilities may not be
12 used for campaign purposes under the provisions of RCW 42.17.130, as if
13 the private entity were a local government.

14 (2) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
15 in this subsection apply throughout this section.

16 (a) "Association purposes" means the coordination of administrative
17 programs, preparation of annual reports, furnishing information to the
18 legislature and governor, acting as a coordinating agency, promoting
19 the efficient operations of local governments, submitting reports and
20 recommendations, and communicating with the legislature and state
21 agencies on positions of, and requests by, members, whether the members
22 are units of local government or elected or appointed officials of
23 units of local government.

24 (b) "Local government" means a county, city, town, port district,
25 school district, irrigation district, fire protection district, public
26 utility district, or any other municipal or quasi-municipal
27 corporation.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 27.12 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 Library districts are subject to section 1 of this act.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 School districts are subject to section 1 of this act.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
35 to read as follows:

1 Cities and towns, including code cities, are subject to section 1
2 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Counties are subject to section 1 of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 52.12 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 Fire protection districts are subject to section 1 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 53.06 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Port districts are subject to section 1 of this act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Public utility districts are subject to section 1 of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 57.08 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 Water-sewer districts are subject to section 1 of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 87.76 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 Irrigation districts are subject to section 1 of this act.

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